REPORT

TO: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SUBJECT: SCHOOL PROFILE

ST. DAVID CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DATE: March 7, 2023

ORIGIN

Director of Education

BACKGROUND

A School Profile program was established in January 2019 to recognize and celebrate school excellence. Each month, one school in the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is highlighted at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

This month's report highlights St. David Catholic Elementary School.

COMMENT



Following its amalgamation with St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School, St. David moved into a renovated facility at 33 Cromwell Crescent, the former site of Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School. An Official Blessing and Dedication of the newly renovated St. David Catholic Elementary School was celebrated by Bishop Anthony Tonnos on May 5, 2003.

Address

33 Cromwell Cres. Hamilton, ON L8G 2E9

Trustee

Mr. A. D'Intino

School Administration

Principal: Ms. J. Lamparski

Superintendent: Miss J. Angiolillo

Grades

K – Grade 8

Enrolment

of students: 435 (as of October 31, 2023)

Family of Schools

Cathedral High School

About St. David CES

St. David Catholic Elementary School opened in a two-storey, 24,800 ft.2 facility at 117 Owen Place in East Hamilton in 1970 with an inaugural enrolment of 212 students. The school was designed by Lenz & Taylor Architects and followed an open concept design favoured at the time. The space was divided into two Kindergarten areas, 10 classrooms, a 2,400 ft.2 gymnasium, an office, a nurse's station and a 1,296 ft.2 library. An Official Opening and Blessing was celebrated by Bishop Joseph F. Ryan on May 23, 1971. In the mid 1980's, the open area was transformed into classrooms to better serve the school's growing enrolment. In June 2002, following an accommodation review of the lower east city, the board made the decision to amalgamate St. Bernard and St. David Catholic Elementary Schools. The new combined St. David school moved into a newly renovated facility on Cromwell Crescent, which formerly housed Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School. The facility, built on a 5.65 acre property, had a gross floor area of 6,926 m² and a Ministry-rated capacity of 521 students. The newly renovated St. David School was officially blessed by Bishop Anthony Tonnos on May 5, 2003. In September 2009, St. David grew again with the closure and subsequent amalgamation of St. Helen Catholic Elementary School. In 2013, it was chosen as an Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) host site.

School Motto

"Together We Grow In Faith and Knowledge"

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE REPORT, SCHOOL PROFILE: ST. DAVID CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BE RECEIVED.

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